

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

November 1, 2015

Coming Up In the Parish

Please note that Rev. Anne will be away from the office at Bishop's Council and the Diocesan Executive Committee meeting until Thursday afternoon.

This afternoon at 2pm: Service of Remembrance at the Civic Cemetery


Tonight at 6:30pm - Youth Alpha - begins with a shared meal. Small group discussions on faith follows. All young people are welcome to attend.


Monday 2nd/ Tuesday 3rd November - Bishop's Council retreat and Bishop's Council meeting.


Wednesday 9:30am Morning Prayer and Lift Up Your Hearts Bible Study.


Thursday 5th November: ACW meeting at 1:30pm.


Lift Up Your Hearts - *so many people to be thankful for in our parish. Each week we will add new reasons to be thankful*


 . For those who serve faithfully at the altar each week as Servers, Crucifers, Lay readers, and Eucharistic Assistants.

 For those who drive family members or friends and neighbours to church on Sundays and through the week.

 For Glenn Lloyd who formats the bulletin and news and announcements - and has done this for fifteen years!

 For all the Coffee hour hosts and hostesses who make our fellowship time such fun, and delicious too. He wonderful way he cares for our floors.

 For our Ven. Anne Germond. For expressing to us the love of Christ through her leadership, generosity, acceptance, words and actions. For her faithful presence to individuals, couples, and families in times of need.

 For Dr. Colin Germond, for Caitlin and Richard. For their never-ending love and support of Anne.

Christmas Eve Service times.

Christmas Eve service times - We're making a change this year! In order to accommodate our families with young children there will be a Christmas Eve service at 4pm this year. This will be a child friendly service. The later service will be at 8pm and the choir will be present. Please note this time change and let your friends and families know.

Bishop Mwita and Bishop Stephen visit

Sincere thanks to everyone for making the visit of two Bishops so special this week. Both Bishop Mwita and Bishop Stephen were thrilled with the turnout at the potluck supper on Tuesday evening. Donations for Bishop Mwita's Girls' School were given, and Bishop Mwita went home with

\$11,000.00 from the churches and events that Bishop Mwita attended this week.

We received a thank you note from Tom and Ruth Anne Linck of Christ Church Live-ly -

We just want to say a big "Thank You" for last evening's dinner and presentation.

The welcoming ways and careful organization by the leader and members of the Parish Of The Ascension were so evident in everything.

A very special thank you to all the tireless workers who helped in the kitchen, facili-

The Ascension is striving to be a nut free and scent free parish, due to the many nut and scent allergies.

tating two events in so short a time frame.

News and reminders from your property committee:

Thank you for an excellent evacuation last Sunday. Well done!

The kitchen needs a clean up. Anyone who is interested in pitching in, please contact Anne Trimmer.

A reminder that as cold weather approaches, the blinds in the fellowship hall, when not in use, need to be drawn to an inch from the bottom (i.e. leave an inch of exposed glass) to reduce moisture accumulation.

Also, to improve heating efficiency, it helps to have the doors to the body of the church closed at the end of use.

Please place garbage bags in the outside garbage box at the corner back of the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

An Evening to learn more about Luke's Gospel

On Wednesday November 18th, Fr. Bob will be leading and evening seminar on

Thought for the Week

"When we pray, it is far more important to pray with a sense of the greatness of God than with a sense of the greatness of the problem." - Evangeline Blood.

Luke's Gospel. This is the Gospel we will be looking at in the next liturgical year. The evening starts at 7pm and is open to everyone.

Dinners, Fundraisers and other good stuff!

There is a fundraising dinner for a school in Rwanda on Saturday, November 7th 2015

Arrival: 5:30pm

Supper begins at 6pm

Tickets : \$25/adult, \$15/students and \$10/children

Where: Macdonald-Cartier High School, 37, Lasalle boulevard, Sudbury, Ontario

To get tickets, please contact:

Noreen Barbe: amicis2009@gmail.com, (705) 694-5335

Marie Ntaganda: chemindelalumiererw@gmail.com, (705) 923-0807

Heavenly Ham Supper - Fundraising supper for All Saint's Church in Coniston. This dinner is hosted by St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Walford Rd. Ecumenical service at 5pm and dinner at 6pm.

On Sunday 29th November. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 8 years. Rev. Anne has tickets

GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT BY GIVING.....

We are collecting small gifts to fill Christmas stockings for the students at Barrydowne College. Tags with a gift suggestion will be hanging on a Christmas tree at the entrance corner of the church. We

need all of these stocking stuffers by Sunday, Dec 6th. Thank you for your generosity.

Opera for a Cause

Once again local singers will be providing a wonderful afternoon and evening of opera music for a good cause. There are two performances - one on Saturday 7th November at 7pm and on Sunday 8th November at 2pm. Tickets are on sale now for \$20 each. Please speak to Rev. Anne if you would like tickets.

Dates for Your November Diary -

Wednesday 18th November - Fr. Bob is leading a one evening talk on the Gospel of Luke. We are soon beginning Year C in the lectionary and this will be an informative session on Luke. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Thursday 26th November - The ACW Snowflake Tea takes place from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon for \$6.

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!' When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

A Statement from the House of Bishops of The Anglican Church of Canada

Concerning the Calls to Action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:18)

As bishops of The Anglican Church of Canada we are very grateful for the work of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Many of us have participated in the local, regional, and national gatherings hosted by Chief Justice Murray Sinclair, Dr. Marie Wilson, and Chief Wilton Littlechild. At the heart of every gathering was the opportunity for survivors of the Indian Residential Schools to tell their stories. We recognize the tremendous courage of all who shared their experiences of loneliness, humiliation and abuse. We commend the Commissioners for their steadfastness in listening to these stories and ensuring that they are never lost but preserved for all time in the National

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Center for Truth and Reconciliation in Winnipeg. Having heard the testimony of thousands of former students and the inter-generational impact of their experiences on their families, the Commissioners issued at the Closing Ceremonies for the TRC in Ottawa in June, 94 Calls to Action.

The first several Calls draw attention to the nature and legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery; the terrible consequences for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis of a federal policy of assimilation made operable through the Indian Residential Schools; and the trauma of emotional, physical, sexual, and spiritual abuse experienced by thousands of children, many of whom died or went missing. Attention is also drawn to the deplorable state of child welfare in many indigenous communities today.

All the other Calls speak to reconciliation and how that might be achieved. They envision a future in which relations between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples are based on mutual respect. A number of the Calls are addressed to various levels of government, and a number to the Churches. Many of them call us to work in cooperation with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK).

We embrace these Calls to Action in the spirit in which the Commissioners issued them, – as a roadmap for all Canadians in a journey toward reconciliation and renewal in our country.

We acknowledge the efforts of the staff of the General Synod to put in place a plan for how our Church will respond to these Calls to Action; and we are especially grateful for the commitment of The Primate's Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice to help us to do this work well. We are particularly mindful of the Call to the Churches to put in place by March 31st their plans for how they will implement the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

In the spirit of a number of the Calls to Action we remain deeply committed to walking in partnership with Indigenous peoples in their quest for self-determination and rejoice in those moments that bring the vision of the elders and the hopes of the youth into greater focus and fruition.

Many of us have been blessed to have had one of the Commissioners speak at our Synods or other diocesan gatherings. We have learned much and been humbled by how much more we need to learn. We have been challenged and inspired to take our part in hearing and telling the truth, and in being ambassadors for that reconciliation by which relations in our country will be rebuilt.

We commit our best efforts to personally speak about these Calls to Action in our dioceses and to engage others in the work to which these calls summon us.

We ask your prayers for all Indigenous Peoples in Canada. In the midst of what so many describe as "overwhelming death in our communities" these Calls to Action represent so much hope for a brighter and better future for themselves, their children and their grandchildren.

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We ask your prayers for our new Federal Government. As it sets its course may these Calls to Action be declared a priority.

We ask you to join us in praying,

“Great Creator God,

who desires that all creation

live in harmony and peace.

Remembering the Children,

we dare to dream of a Path of Reconciliation

where apology from the heart leads to healing of the heart

and the chance of restoring the circle,

where justice walks with all,

where respect leads to true partnership,

where the power to change comes from each heart.

Hear our prayer of hope

and guide this country of Canada

on a new and different path.

Amen”.

(Reference: Remembering the Children Prayer, Church Leaders Tour 2009)





You can fool some of the people all the time!

Judi tried to sell her old car. She was having a lot of problems selling it because the car had 250,000 miles on the odometer.

One day, she told her problem to a friend she worked with at a salon. Her friend told her, "There is a possibility to make the car easier to sell, but it's not legal."

"That doesn't matter," replied Judi, "I really need to sell the car."

"Okay," said Judi's friend. "Here is the address of a friend of mine. He owns a car repair shop. Tell him I sent you and he will turn the odometer in your car back to 50,000 miles. Then it should not be a problem to sell your car anymore."

The following weekend, Judi made the trip to the mechanic. Two weeks later the friend asked Judi, "Did you sell your car?"

"No," replied Judi, "Why should I? It only has 50,000 miles on it!"

Sunday Lectionary for November—January

8 Nov 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Hebrews 9:24-28
Psalm 127 Mark 12:38-44

15 Nov. 25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-20 Hebrews 10:11-14,
(15-18), 19-25
1 Samuel 2:1-10 Mark 13:1-8

22 Nov. Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1-7 Revelation 1:4b-8
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18) John 18:33-37

YEAR C Begins

29 Nov 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Psalm 25:1-10 Luke 21:25-36

6 Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians
or Malachi 3:1-4 1:3-11
Luke 1:68-79 Luke 3:1-6

13 Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7 ,
2:5-12
Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 3:7-18

20 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:46b-55 Luke 1:39-45, (46-
or Psalm 80:1-7 55)

27 Dec 1st Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Galatians 4:4-7
Psalm 148 Luke 2:22-40

3 Jan 2016 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-14
or
Sirach 24:1-12
Psalm 147:12-20 John 1:(1-9), 10-18
or
Wisdom of Solomon
10:15-21

Services of Worship at the Ascension

Sunday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9am and 11am. Sunday school takes place at the 11am service and there is also a nursery for babies and toddlers.

Wednesday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9:30am followed by Bible Study. All welcome!

We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

Please call the church office at 705-566-2790 and we will be happy to make arrangements..

Membership at the Ascension

We love it when people say that they are a member of our church, and we want to keep track of our parishioners so that we can send you mailouts, newsletters, and keep you posted on parish events. If you are a new member and wish to be on our parish list, please fill out the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the office, or put it in the offering plate today. If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please fill out the form. Your email address is also important as we have an enews group. We do not give out parishioner's emails to any other group.

Agnus Day



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